

(c) *Motion to Seal or Otherwise Restrict Public Access.* A party's request to file materials under seal must be made by formal motion, separate from the motion or other pleading sought to be

sealed, pursuant to LCvR 7.1. Such motion must be filed electronically under the designation “Motion to Seal.” The motion must set forth:

- (1) A non-confidential description of the material sought to be sealed;
- (2) A statement indicating why sealing is necessary and why there are no alternatives to filing under seal;
- (3) Unless permanent sealing is sought, a statement indicating how long the party seeks to have the material maintained under seal and how the matter is to be handled upon unsealing; and
- (4) Supporting statutes, case law, or other authority.

To the extent the party must disclose any confidential information in order to support the motion to seal, the party may provide that information in a separate memorandum filed under seal.

(d) ***Filing of an Unredacted Copy Allowed.*** The party seeking to file material under seal may submit an unredacted version of the material under seal for review by the Court along with the motion to seal.

(e) ***Public Notice.*** No motion to seal or otherwise restrict public access shall be determined without reasonable public notice. Notice is deemed reasonable where a motion is filed in accordance with LCvR 6.1(c). Other parties, intervenors, and non-parties may file objections and briefs opposing or supporting the motion within the time provided by LCvR 7.1 and may move to intervene under Fed.R.Civ.P. 24. Where the Court acts before the response, any party or non-party may move to unseal at any time.

Local Rule 6.1. It appears that the requirements of Local Rule 6.1(c)(1) through (4) have been met. However, Defendant does not indicate that it conferred with Plaintiff as required by Local Rule 7.1(b).

Having considered the factors provided in Local Rule 6.1(c), the Court will grant the motion to seal. Noting that the time for a response has not run to this motion, the Court will consider any objection to this Order from Plaintiff or non-parties as an objection to the motion.

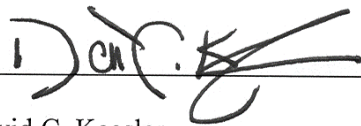
See Local Rule 6.1(e).

CONCLUSION

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that “Defendant’s Motion to Seal” (Document No. 23) is **GRANTED**. Defendant may file its brief and affidavits of Barber and Jefferies under seal.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant shall file redacted versions of its sealed documents on or before **January 18, 2019**.

Signed: January 8, 2019



David C. Keesler
United States Magistrate Judge

